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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) has established two types of schools in areas under its control: Preparatory and Technical. After completing four years of Preparatory School, a student is eligible for admission to a Primary Technical School; after completing eight years of Preparatory School, he is eligible for admission to the 8th class of the Primary Technical School or may enter a Secondary Technical School. According to his capability, he may then advance to the High Technical School. The University, which included schools of medicine and pharmacy, open science and mathematics faculties in late 1950.
2. Political education in DRV zones consists of studies in dialectical materialism, according to Marx, Lenin and Stalin. Two years of Marxist theory in the Preparatory School is required before a student is permitted to choose his major field at the University. All students must join the DRV Students Association and they are further supervised by two student inspectors present in each class. Most of the students complain about the lack of technical books and material on subjects other than Communist doctrine.
3. The DRV also sends students abroad to study political and technical subjects such as agriculture and heavy industry. From late 1948 to late 1950 the emphasis was primarily on military education and approximately 50 regimental can-bo have recently returned to Vietnam to replace insufficiently trained Regimental Commanders. In 1949 approximately 30 students were sent to Prague and the USSR and in 1950-51 students were dispatched to study the manufacture of heavy weapons in South China.

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